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--4. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 1 wherein the inner member extends to within about 2 mm of a back edge of the outer member.--

--6. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 5 wherein the intermediate member extends within about 1.5 mm of a front edge of the outer member.--

--7. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 5 wherein the intermediate member extends to within about 2 mm of a back edge of the outer member.--

--47. (Amended) A shoe outsole for a baby shoe, comprising:

an outer member;

an inner member, located in an inner heel region of the shoe outsole; and an intermediate member located in an intermediate region of the shoe outsole, between the outer member and the inner member,

the intermediate member having a softer durometer than the outer member, and including a plurality of ridges, and

the inner member including a ground contacting surface, and having a softer durometer than the outer member;

the shoe outsole being dimensioned for use in a baby shoe, and the inner member being positioned and dimensioned to fit under a baby's heel during use of the baby shoe.--

--48. (Amended) A shoe outsole for a baby shoe, comprising:

an outer member including, a lower forefoot region, an opposite upper forefoot region, and a back wall, the back wall having a rounded contour extending smoothly between a horizontal plane and a vertical plane;

an inner member located in an inner heel region of the shoe outsole, and including a ground contacting surface, the inner member having a softer durometer than the outer member;

a plurality of substantially parallel grooves defined in the lower forefoot region, at least one of the plurality of grooves extending toward a front edge of the shoe outsole beyond a ground engaging portion of the lower forefoot region when flat footed;

a plurality of substantially parallel ridges included in the lower forefoot region, at least some of the ridges being interdigitated with the grooves in the lower forefoot region; and a plurality of substantially parallel grooves defined in the upper forefoot region;

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the shoe outsole being dimensioned for use in a baby shoe, and the inner member being positioned and dimensioned to fit under a baby's heel during use of the baby shoe.--

--60. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 49 wherein the outer member includes a back wall having a rounded contour extending smoothly between a horizontal plane and a vertical plane.--

--66. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 61 wherein the outer member includes a back wall having a rounded contour extending smoothly between a horizontal plane and a vertical plane.--

--74. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 67 wherein the outer member includes a back wall having a rounded contour extending smoothly between a horizontal plane and a vertical plane.--

--76. (Amended) The shoe outsole of claim 1 wherein the ground contacting surface further includes an intermediate member, between the inner member and the outer member, having a softer durometer than the outer member, the durometer of the inner member being softer than the durometer of the intermediate member.--

In the drawings:

Four sheets of amended informal drawings (Figs. 1-4) are submitted herewith for the Examiner's approval, with changes marked in red. A copy is being forwarded to the Official Draftsman under separate cover.